Markets for Travancore Prawns.

426 *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the markets to which Travancore prawns were exported in the year before the inception of the Department of Fisheries and the quantity and value thereof respectively;

(*b*) the markets to which Travancore prawns were exported during the year 1115 and the quantity and value thereof to each market;

(*c*) whether the fall in the price of Travancore prawns has reduced the fisherfolk from Quilon northwards into indebtedness, poverty and starvation;

(*d*) whether they ever attempted to find out new markets for Travancore prawns to relieve the distress of the fisherfolk; and

(*e*) if so, the amount spent for the purpose and the result obtained?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL (*Ag: Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) The information is not available.

(*b*) Quantity and value of prawns exported in 1115 :

	Quantity.	*Value.*	*Countries to which exported.*
	Cwts.	Rs.	
	230	4,393	British India
	9,536	1,78,777	Cochin
	31,214	5,92,080	Burma
Total	40,980	7,75,250	

(*c*) The information is not available.

(*d*) Yes. Experiments are being conducted to improve the quality of packing and to manufacture new products with a view to expanding the market for prawns.

(*e*) A sum of Rs. 500 has been spent on the experiments. The investigation is not yet complete.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: പാർട്ട് സി. യും ഡിയും ഈ വിവരം അന്വേഷിച്ചു പറയുവാൻ മയ്യുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Certainly it can be done.

Importation and sale of Burma Rice.

427 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have sustained any loss by the importation and sale of Burma rice;

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, the amount of loss they have sustained; and

(*c*) whether they have made arrangements for further importation of rice from Burma.

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MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About S. Rs. 64,103-16-3.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. DOMINIC JOSEPH (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): May I know whether any difficulty is experienced at present in importing rice or paddy ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: We are going to import rice now and we have sufficient stock remaining at present.

Import of Splints and Veneers.

428 *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity and value of splints and veneers for match making imported by the various match factories in Travancore during the years 1112, 1113, 1114 and 1115 and the first half of 1116 respectively ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: A *statement showing the quantity and value of splints and veneers for match making imported by the various match factories in Travancore from 1112 onwards is laid on the table.

Export of Splints and Veneers.

429 *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity and value of splints and veneers produced, supplied for local consumption and exported respectively by the various factories in Travancore during each of the years 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115 and first half of the year 1116 ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: A †statement showing the quantity and value of splints and veneers produced, supplied for local consumption and exported by various factories in Travancore is laid on the table.

Appointments made in short vacancies by the present Director of Public Instruction.

430 *MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the total number of appointments made in short vacancies by the present Director of Public Instruction in the Education Department, including those made in his office, from the date on which he assumed charge of that post up to the 25th Kumbhom 1116 ?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: The ‡statement is laid on the table.

Applications for Stake Nets.

431 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications for stake nets pending with the Professor of Marine Biology and Fisheries;

(*b*) how long the applications have been pending with the department; and

(*c*) the total number of stake nets registered to applicants in 1113, 1114 and 1115

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*Vide Appendix I page 987.

†Vide APpendix II page 988.

‡Vide Appendix III page 989.

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